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SUBJECT: CORDOBA SMATA CONFLICT

1. CORDOBA AUTOMOBILE UNION/IKA-RENAULT CONFLICT TO ENTER CRITICAL STAGE WEEK OF AUG 19. NATIONAL UNION (SMATA) INTERVENTOR TO ASSUME CONTROL CORDOBA LOCAL ON AUG 19. EXPELLED SECGEN SALAMANCA HAS CALLED WORK STOPPAGE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR 3 PM AUG 20 FOR PURPOSE CONSIDERING FUTURE ACTIONS AND TO HOLD MEETINGS WITH UCR PRESIDENT BALBIN AND NATIONAL SENATE PRESIDENT ALLENDE.

2. LOCAL UNION HAS REJECTED NATIONAL INTERVENTION AND WORKERS HAVE CONTINUED WORK SLOW DOWN AT IKA-RENAULT PLANTS. IN RESPONSE TO CONTINUED SLOW DOWN IKA-RENAULT ANNOUNCED AUG 14 THAT EFFECTIVE AUG 16 IT WAS SUSPENDING 2800 WORKERS. NATIONAL SMATA SECGEN RODRIGUEZ HAS CALLED ON MINLABOR INTERVENTION TO FORCE REVERSAL IKA-RENAULT'S SUSPENSIONS ON GROUNDS THAT ACTION AGGRAVATES CONFLICT, THEREBY FORTIFYING POSITION EXPELLED UNION LEADERS. NEITHER MINLABOR NOR IKA-RENAULT HAVE INDICATED WHAT ACTION THEY WILL TAKE IN RESPONSE TO RODRIGUEZ'S CHARGES.

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3. COMMENT. ALTHOUGH BOTH BALBIN AND ALLENDE ARE EXPECTED TO

COUNSEL CONCILIATION, IT IS UNLIKELY THEIR INTERVENTION WILL
HAVE MAJOR IMPACT ON DEVELOPMENT WHAT IS BASICALLY INTRA-UNION
CONFLICT. SALAMANCA HAS SUPPORT MAJORITY CORDOBA UNION MEMBERS,
WHO ARE UNLIKELY TO PEACEFULLY ACCEPT NATIONAL UNION INTERVENTION.
POTENTIAL FOR SERIOUS CONFLICT STILL EXISTS.
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